**World History Key Terms List #3 Ancient Civilizations**

1. **Filial piety-**Confucian idea of respect for your parents, ancestors, and elders.
2. **Confucius-**Chinese teacher who lived around 500 BC. He valued order and stability. His teachings later became the guiding philosophy of the Chinese empire.
3. **Siddhartha Gautama-**aka “the Buddha,” Indian prince who founded Buddhism, lived around 500 BC
4. **4 Noble Truths-**Buddhist beliefs about suffering: life is suffering, suffering comes from desire, release yourself from desires to release yourself from suffering.
5. **moksha-**being released from the cycle of death and rebirth (goal of Hindus)
6. **samsara-**reincarnation; the process of death and rebirth (Hinduism and Buddhism)
7. **karma-**the Hindu and Buddhist belief that if you do good things, good things will happen to you.
8. **Nirvana-**Buddhist word for enlightenment. Buddhists believe you can achieve nirvana by following the 8-fold path (middle way)
9. **Hammurabi’s Code-**a set of laws governing ancient Babylon put in place by the ruler Hammurabi. “an eye for an eye”
10. **Dalai Lama-**the most well-known living Buddhist leader. He is believed to be reincarnated, so he never really “dies.”
11. **Great Wall of China-**defensive wall to along the northern border of China. Most associated with Qin (pronounced “Chin”) dynasty from the 200s BC.
12. **Pharaoh-**title for rulers in ancient Egypt (like a king); considered a god on earth by the Egyptians.
13. **Theocracy-**a system of government where priests rule in the name of God or gods. Egypt was one.